

Since its founding, the MASFAP has and continues to be a dynamic association dedicated to serving and advocating for practitioners, users, and providers of student financial aid programs. Many students depend on financial aid programs to assist them through their post-secondary education, providing many students with the means to continue their education. Missouri is home to many institutions of post-secondary education that serve students from Missouri and abroad. Obtaining a higher education opens doors for students, develops their individual skills and knowledge, and makes them invaluable resources to our communities, state, and nation.

MAFAP is ready and willing to assist students who need help or information. The financial aid programs provided to students assist with tuition, fees, housing, food, books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses. Additionally, millions of dollars in grants, scholarships, and student loans allow students to continue pursuing their professional goals.

Every day, student financial aid administrators throughout Missouri do their best to assist students in identifying the resources and options they have regarding the cost of their education. These administrators work at removing barriers so students can be successful in choosing the appropriate assistance program. The dedication these administrators show to the students and their future is appreciated.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel on their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

HONORING MARY "EDITH"
LOCKARD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities thrive when hard work, dedication, and sacrifice are set by the example of its residents. In Yonkers, no one has set that example better than Mary "Edith" Lockard.

Edith was born in Yonkers in 1924 to Andrew and Mary Lena Deloatch. She was the youngest of 6 and the only girl. After graduating from Yonkers High School, Edith earned her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Pace University.

Edith has been the life-blood of Messiah Baptist Church for over 76 years. In April of 1940 she was baptized on Easter Sunday at the church, and has remained an active member serving the parish in any capacity needed.

Following high school, Edith focused on raising her family with her husband, Wilfred Lockard. She got involved volunteering in the Yonkers school district and eventually served as the Vice President of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA). She also served at the South Yonkers Youth Council, an organization dedicated to fostering growth and development for the youth in the community through after school care and activities. They also held summer day camps which exposed the youth to cultural and sporting events, positive role models, and educational opportunities.

After her beloved husband Wilfred passed away, Edith began volunteering at St. John's

Hospital. She faithfully served in the mailroom on Thursdays from 1995 to 2001. In 1995 she also became a member of the Nepperhan Senior Center—Senior Group No. 15—located on Warburton Avenue. For over a decade, Edith has faithfully worked for the Yonkers Parks and Recreation.

For as active as Edith is in the community, her true passion has always been her family. She is the proud mother of her four children: Juanita, Tyrone, Lindsay, and Lila, she has eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and, remarkably, 9 great-great grandchildren.

Edith's commitment to helping others has been an inspiration to those in her community and beyond. I want to congratulate Edith for all of her hard, selfless work, and I want to wish her a very happy 93rd birthday on September 9, 2017.

BERT HACK

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 1999, Laguna Woods, California officially became Orange County's 32nd city.

A great deal has changed in the last 18 years, but Laguna Woods Councilman Bert Hack has remained a constant in our community.

Since taking office in 1999, Bert served as Mayor five times and sat on numerous boards throughout Southern California.

Bert's deep knowledge of local history and passion for service to others has made him a beloved fixture in Laguna Woods.

Bert's presence on the City Council will surely be missed, but he will undoubtedly continue to serve as an inspiration for all who follow in his footsteps.

I wish Bert well in retirement, and thank him for his many years of service to Laguna Woods and Orange County.

HONORING SADIE M. MACCHIA

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sadie Macchia, who celebrated her 100th birthday on July 6th,

Born on July 6, 1917, in the Bronx, New York, Sadie came into this world with a remarkably low birth weight, and was the surviving child of a set of twins, the other of whom was born prematurely and sadly passed away shortly afterward. Sadie was so small that her mother used a shoebox as a cradle, and could not even properly wear a bonnet. With such a low birthweight, her chances for survival seemed slim. Yet, with incredible strength, this miracle baby pulled through infancy and is still here with us today, 100 years later.

As an adult, Sadie spent many years working as a seamstress in the Bronx while living in her own apartment above her brother,

Dominick, and his wife, Angelina. In those days, Sadie was renowned for her hospitality and insatiable laughter, always happy to have friends and family over to share a meal, reminisce over old photos, or simply spend time with those dearest to her. A kind and generous soul, she is truly loved by all who know her.

To commemorate her 100th birthday, two of her brothers, Guy and Nick, threw her a birthday party where she was able to celebrate with her extended family. The look on her face to see so many loved ones gathered together to celebrate her birthday was said to be that of pure joy.

This miracle baby fought all the odds and is now one of America's great centennials. It is a privilege to honor Sadie Macchia, who has brought joy and laughter into the hearts of so many others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 14, 2017 I was absent due to Hurricane Irma relief efforts. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 516 on the motion to recommit with instructions—Nay; Roll Call No. 517 on the passage of H.R. 3697—Aye; Roll Call No. 518 on the Palmer amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 519 on the Gohmert amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 520 on the Norton amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 521 on the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 522 on the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 523 on the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 524 on the Mitchell amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 525 on the Huizenga amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 526 on the Jackson Lee amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 527 on the motion to recommit—Nay; Roll Call No. 528 on the passage of H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 529 on the passage of H.R. 3284—Aye.

CONGRATULATING THE MOY FAMILY ASSOCIATION U.S.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Moy Family Association U.S.A. National Convention on their 27th Annual event and to recognize past and present members. I commend their community service and civic engagement that benefit not only the local Asian community in New York City but also the national and international community.

The Association is a charitable organization with a focus on community, education, civic engagement and social welfare. Since its inception over 125 years ago, the Moy Family Association has played a key role in community building efforts, particularly in the vibrant Chinatown communities I represent.